

REMARKS

This Response to Restriction Requirement and Reply and Amendment is intended to be completely responsive to the Restriction Requirement. Claims 1-20 are pending in this Application and are subject to an election of species requirement. Amendments to the pending claims have been made for clarity. New independent Claims 21 and 22 have been added to provide claims of varying scope.

The Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present Application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the reasons that follow.

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the election of species requirement, the Applicants hereby provisionally elect the species of Figure 3 (i.e. Figures 1-7), for examination, without traverse.

The Applicants agree with the Examiner that independent Claim 1 is generic, and believe that Claims 1-4, 8-16 and 20 are readable on the elected species.

NEW CLAIMS

New independent Claims 21 and 22 have been added to provide claims of varying scope.

The Applicants believe that new Claims 21 and 22 are readable on the elected species.

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The Applicants respectfully request examination and allowance of Claims 1-4, 8-16 and 20-22. Upon allowance of a generic claim, the Applicants request consideration of the currently withdrawn dependent Claims 5-7 and 17-19.

The Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned by telephone if the Examiner believes that a telephone interview or Examiner's Amendment would advance the prosecution of the present application.

If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, the Applicants hereby petition for such extension under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 and authorize payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 06-1447.

Respectfully submitted,

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